

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3 and 6 have been allowed. The finding of allowable subject matter is acknowledged and appreciated.

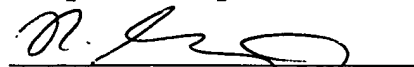
Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 4,929,016 to Kastansis.

The Examiner has indicated, however, that claim 5 has been objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 4 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 5. Claim 4 is now allowable Claim 5 has been cancelled. In addition, claim 6 has been amended so that it now depends on claim 4. Claim 6 is allowable as depending upon allowable base claim 4.

Please remove the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and enter the allowance of claims 1-4, and 6.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully solicited. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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